

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-45 (Canceled)

1 Claim 46 (currently amended): A method for processing  
2 search results that have been generated based on a query  
3 including one or more keywords, the method comprising:  
4       a) accepting the search results;  
5       b) accepting at least one of the one or more keywords  
6       included in keyword information extracted from the  
7       query that was used to generate the search results;  
8       and  
9       c) generating a set of final search results from the  
10      accepted search results using segments of the search  
11      results, wherein each of the segments includes at  
12      least one of the accepted at least one keyword  
13      information.

1 Claim 47 (currently amended): The method of claim 46  
2 wherein the act of generating a set of final search results  
3 includes  
4       1) determining, using the accepted at least one  
5       keyword information, whether or not a candidate  
6       search result is similar to a search result  
7       already in the set of final search results, and  
8       2) if it is determined that the candidate search  
9       result is similar to a search result already in  
10      the set of final search results, then not adding  
11      the candidate search result to the set of final  
12      search results.

13 Claim 48 (currently amended): The method of claim 46  
14 wherein the act of generating a set of final search results  
15 includes

16 1) determining, using the accepted at least one  
17 keyword ~~information~~, whether or not a candidate  
18 search result is similar to a search result  
19 already in the set of final search results, and  
20 2) adding the search results to the set of final  
21 search results only if it is determined that the  
22 candidate search result is not similar to any  
23 search results already in the set of final search  
24 result.

1 Claim 49 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium  
2 including machine executable instructions which, when  
3 executed by a machine, processes search results that have  
4 been generated based on a query including one or more  
5 keywords by:

6 a) accepting the search results;  
7 b) accepting at least one of the one or more keywords  
8 included in keyword information extracted from the  
9 query that was used to generate the search results;  
10 and  
11 c) generating a set of final search results from the  
12 accepted search results using segments of the search  
13 results, wherein each of the segments includes at  
14 least one of the accepted at least one keyword  
15 information.

1 Claim 50 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium  
2 of claim 49 including further machine executable

3 instructions which, when executed by a machine, generate  
4 the set of final search results by  
5 1) determining, using the accepted at least one  
6 keyword ~~information~~, whether or not a candidate  
7 search result is similar to a search result  
8 already in the set of final search results, and  
9 2) adding the candidate search result to the set  
10 of final search results only if it is determined  
11 that the candidate search result is not similar  
12 to any search results already in the set of final  
13 search result.

1 Claim 51 (currently amended): An apparatus for processing  
2 search results that have been generated based on a query  
3 including one or more keywords, the apparatus comprising:  
4 a) a storage facility for storing the search results  
5 and for storing at least one of the one or more  
6 keywords included in keyword information extracted  
7 from the query that was used to generate the search  
8 results; and  
9 b) a final results generator for generating a set of  
10 final search results from the search results stored in  
11 the storage facility using segments of the search  
12 results, wherein each of the segments includes at  
13 least one of the at least one keyword information  
14 stored in the storage facility.

1 Claim 52 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 51  
2 wherein the final set generator includes  
3 1) a similarity determination facility for  
4 determining, using the accepted at least one  
5 keyword ~~information~~, whether or not a search

6 result is similar to a search result already in  
7 the set of final search results, and  
8 2) means for adding the search results to the  
9 set of final search results only if the  
10 similarity determination facility determines  
11 that the search result is not similar to any  
12 search results already in the set of final  
13 search result.

Claim 53 (canceled)

1 Claim 54 (currently amended): The method of claim 46  
2 wherein the act of generating a set of final search results  
3 from the accepted search results ~~using the accepted keyword~~  
~~information includes~~  
4 ~~extracting query relevant parts of the search~~  
5 ~~results using the accepted keyword information,~~  
6 ~~and~~  
7 ~~generating the set of final search results~~  
8 ~~from the accepted search results using~~  
9 ~~comparisons of the segments of the search results~~  
10 ~~extracted query relevant parts.~~  
11

1 Claim 55 (previously presented): The method of claim 46  
2 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

Claim 56 (canceled)

1 Claim 57 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium  
2 of claim 49 including machine executable instructions  
3 which, when executed by a machine, generate a set of final

4 search results from the accepted search results ~~using the~~  
5 ~~accepted keyword information by~~  
6 ~~extracting query relevant parts of the search~~  
7 ~~results using the accepted keyword information,~~  
8 ~~and~~  
9 ~~generating the set of final search results~~  
10 ~~from the accepted search results using~~  
11 ~~comparisons of the segments of the search results~~  
12 ~~extracted query relevant parts.~~

1 Claim 58 (previously presented): The computer-readable  
2 medium of claim 49 wherein the set of final search results  
3 includes Web pages.

Claim 59 (canceled)

1 Claim 60 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 51  
2 wherein the final results generator includes  
3 ~~means for extracting query relevant parts of~~  
4 ~~the search results using the accepted keyword~~  
5 ~~information, and~~  
6 - means for generating the set of final search  
7 results from the accepted search results using  
8 comparisons of the segments of the search results  
9 ~~extracted query relevant parts.~~

1 Claim 61 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 51  
2 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

1 Claim 62 (new): The method of claim 46 wherein the acts of  
2 the method are performed automatically, without the need  
3 for user intervention.

1 Claim 63 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the  
2 final results generator operates automatically, without the  
3 need for user intervention.

1 Claim 64 (new): The method of claim 46 wherein the  
2 segments are windows defined by a predetermined number of  
3 characters.

1 Claim 65 (new): The method of claim 46 wherein the  
2 segments are windows defined by a predetermined number of  
3 words.

1 Claim 66 (new): The method of claim 46 wherein the  
2 segments are sentences.

1 Claim 67 (new): The method of claim 46 wherein the  
2 segments are paragraphs.

1 Claim 68 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the  
2 segments are windows defined by a predetermined number of  
3 characters.

1 Claim 69 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the  
2 segments are windows defined by a predetermined number of  
3 words.

1 Claim 70 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the  
2 segments are sentences.

1 Claim 71 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the  
2 segments are paragraphs.